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JESSE H. ROBINSON, 1843-1911.

The Weather Bureau has again sustained the loss of an old and valued official in the death (at Washington, D. C., on May 1, 1911) of Mr. Jesse H. Robinson, Chief of the Telegraph Division.

Mr. Robinson entered the service as a private in the Signal Corps on March 6, 1872, by transfer from the

Eighth Cavalry. He attained the grade of first-class sergeant in 1890, was appointed chief operator in 1891, and chief of the Telegraph Division in 1902. He was on telegraph duty at a number of stations on the Atlantic coast and served at the Central Office from August 4, 1877, until the time of his death.

The perfection of the first cipher code for the transmission of Weather Bureau reports was largely due to him, and the existing telegraph and cable lines of the Weather Bureau were constructed and laid principally under his supervision. He was noted for his thorough knowledge of the details of the telegraph service and his conscientious and efficient performance of the duties of his position.

At a meeting of the officials of the bureau on duty at the Central Office at the time of his death, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we, as representatives of the entire membership of the bureau, desire to express our appreciation of Mr. Robinson's many excellent qualities and our sense of the loss to the bureau of a highly competent and loyal official, a genial associate, and a faithful friend.

H. E. W.